

## GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 8, 2022

11:00am Virtual Meeting

**Via Zoom**

### Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Tracy Griggs, Larry Fisher, Eric Birgbauer, Siobhan Brownson, Jennifer Dixon McKnight, Tim Druke, Lisa Harris, Tony Strange, Kori Bloomquist, Brantley Therrell, Gina Jones, and Day Able. Absentee votes from Tomoko Deguchi.

- I. Announcements: **JDM (Jennifer Dixon-McKnight):** March 22, 2022 via Zoom features Dr. Shannon Williams, talking about “America’s Real Sister Act: Black Catholic Nuns and their role in the Civil Rights Movement”  
March 23, 2022 via Zoom features Dr. Matthew Platt, keynote speaker for the Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium.  
**SB (Siobhan Brownson):** Reminder as commencement ceremonies approach, MLA regalia (gown and hood) are available in the MLA office. **AH (April Hershey):** The Graduate School has a MBA hood and gown if there are students who need a loaner. Also a reminder of Graduate Education Week activities; April 11 – 20, 2022. Will send out next week a comprehensive list plus specific instructions on how to help promote the events.
- II. Approval of minutes January 21, 2022. See the link below for minutes:  
<https://www.winthrop.edu/uploadedFiles/graduateschool/applicationforms/Administrative/gcm-minutes-012122.pdf> – **Motion to approve: SB. 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.**
- III. Report from the Interim Graduate Dean, Greg Oakes
  - a. Attached under separate cover
  - b. Discussion of budget cuts to the Graduate Assistant/Associate lines – **TG (Tracy Griggs):** The College of Business has shifted some of their positions due to needs changing from research to administrative. **SB:** The Writing Center would not exist without GAs and she is worried how these cuts will affect recruitment. **JDM:** Cutting back on GA positions hurt new programs that need or would be perfect for GA roles. **EB (Eric Birgbauer):** Biology GAs help teach labs and do lab prep that lead directly to being able to handle the hundreds of undergraduates that go through the general education courses in Biology as well as recruit new majors.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Update on Electronic Petitions Process:
    - i. The vendor is changing the workflow so 1) once the petition is approved by the College Grad director, the petition documents will be emailed to Graduate Council voting members as a pdf. (Graduate Council members will not have to log into the system to review or vote on petitions.) 2) The Chair of Graduate Council will, then need to log in to view the documents and enter the final resolution. 3) The decision will then be emailed to the

Graduate School office. **AH:** Asked Tim Druke for notification of new /official GC members as early as possible in August as the vendor will need to set up voting members in the system. **TD (Tim Druke):** The emailed document contains sensitive information and confidentiality needs to be protected. April will request from vendor a password protected PDF?

V. New Business

- a. Seeking nominations for GFA chair – This is a two-year appointment. **EB:** Graduate Council is the nominating body to present list of names to GFA. **TD:** Eric is eligible to be re-elected to this position for another two-year term. Recommend not having too many nominees. **TG:** Send names to her by April 11 to be placed on agenda for approval.
- b. Probation Policy clarifying word change proposed by Graduate Dean’s Council
  - i. Graduate probation policy will not apply to non-degree seeking students.
  - ii. The language of the policy has also been changed to clarify that a student on probation must get both their semester GPA *and* their cumulative GPA back to a 3.0 within a semester to remain in the program. Otherwise, they will be dismissed. The language in the document still remains unclear and is contradictory. Table discussion and vote until Greg can clarify.

VI. Curriculum action

- a. Please log in here and review these prior to the meeting: [Curriculum Action System](#)

**Program changes requiring a vote:**

*New CERT-ARTE Graduate Certificate in Art Education*

*Justification:* Due to the nature of South Carolina’s teacher certification and licensure requirements, current practicing artist-teachers can use local and arts education situated Professional Development credits. There is a demonstrated need for current alternative certification-seeking teachers (called PACE) to have access to visual art education content at the graduate level. The Art Education program at Winthrop University can offer courses that would present contemporary content in Art Education and put the new content to work in their classrooms. This will generate a program that welcomes certified art teachers to continue their practice of creating studio art, generate a connection between the local schools and the WU Fine Arts Department, prepare future Fine Arts professors as educators, align creative research and pedagogy, encourage art educators who have a teaching certificate to apply to the MFA Program (boosting enrollment), construct a track through the MFA Program that is intentionally developed for future professors and currently practicing art teachers. **Motion to approve: SB; 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved. TD: Might have to suggest a name change before GFA meeting.**

**Curriculum changes NOT requiring a vote:**

*Modify* DANT697 Special Topics in Dance  
Making 697X a permanent course.

**Curriculum changes requiring a vote:**

*Modify* MUST590 Principles of Teaching Music: Elementary (3)  
Change of pre-requisites from Admission to Teacher Education Program;  
MUST 212 and 317 to Admission to Teacher Education Program.

*Justification:* The current prerequisites were on the class when it was offered in the fall of the senior year. The course is now offered in the fall of the junior year so students may not have taken those courses. SB: 500 level course that does not admit graduate students. GJ: Old course that has been grandfathered in. Issue of pre-req has been corrected. ***Motion to approve: SB; 2<sup>nd</sup> : LF (Larry Fisher). Approved.***

*Modify* ARTE548 Secondary Methods in Art Education: Pedagogy and Research  
Name change from Curriculum in Art Education and Secondary Methods to Secondary Methods in Art Education: Pedagogy and Research. Description change to include more research relevant to secondary art education scholarship, and academic writing conventions. Goals added, including a research paper.

*Justification:* The change more accurately reflects a contemporary art education methods course, the writing intensive content, and course description. SB: This write-up should be used as a model to explain graduate rigor. ***Motion to approve: SB; 2<sup>nd</sup> : LF (Larry Fisher). Approved.***

*Modify* MUST511 *Orchestration*

*Changes pre-reqs from MUST 212 and any two of MUSA 291, 293, 295 or 297 to just MUST 212.*

*Justification:* The prerequisites of instrumental methods courses (MUSA 291, etc.) are unnecessary for a course in orchestration. Those courses are for Music Education majors, not Composition majors. While it is no doubt beneficial to learn how to play different instruments, that experience is not required in order to learn to write for them. ***Motion to approve: SB. 2<sup>nd</sup>: JDM. Approved.***

- VII. Graduate Faculty Status Requests
  - a. None at this time.
  
- VIII. Graduate Petitions (only voting members receive these)
  - a. None at this time.
  
- IX. Adjournment – 12:14 pm

**2021-2022 Meeting Dates**

April 19, Tuesday, 11:00 am: Zoom

**Graduate Faculty Assembly and Graduate Council Website:**

<https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/graduate-faculty-governance.aspx>

**Curriculum Action System Access** (click on as Graduate Council Chair)

<https://apps.winthrop.edu/courseaction/login.aspx>

<b>2021-2022 Committee</b>			
<b>Voting Members</b> <i>*The voting members of the Graduate Council also serve as the Graduate Petitions Committee.</i>			<b>Term Expires</b>
Tracy Griggs, CBA; Chair	<a href="mailto:griggst@winthrop.edu">griggst@winthrop.edu</a>	Appointed (VPAA)	2022
Nicholas Moellman, CBA	<a href="mailto:moellmann@winthrop.edu">moellmann@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CBA)	2024
Tony Strange, COE	<a href="mailto:strangea@winthrop.edu">strangea@winthrop.edu</a>	Appointed (VPAA)	2024
Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, CAS	<a href="mailto:dmcknightoj@winthrop.edu">dmcknightoj@winthrop.edu</a>	Appointed (CAS)	2023
Larry Fisher, COE	<a href="mailto:fisherl@winthrop.edu">fisherl@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (COE)	2024
Siobhan Brownson, CAS	<a href="mailto:brownsons@winthrop.edu">brownsons@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CAS)	2022
Tomoko Deguchi, CVPA	<a href="mailto:deguchit@winthrop.edu">deguchit@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected (CVPA)	2022
<b>Ex Officio, non-voting, and other invitees</b>			
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Kori Bloomquist	<a href="mailto:bloomquistk@winthrop.edu">bloomquistk@winthrop.edu</a>	Elected, GFA (from CUC), Ex Officio	2023
M. Greg Oakes	<a href="mailto:oakesm@winthrop.edu">oakesm@winthrop.edu</a>	Graduate Director, CAS; Acting Dean of Graduate Studies, Online Learning, and Extended Education	
April Hershey	<a href="mailto:hersheya@winthrop.edu">hersheya@winthrop.edu</a>	Grad School, Appointed Ex Officio	--
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Jennifer Jordan	<a href="mailto:jordanje@winthrop.edu">jordanje@winthrop.edu</a>	Faculty Conference Chair	

1. Grad enrollments continue to be steady as we approach the spring recruitment cycle for fall 2022. Graduate enrollments remain a significant source of stability in during the present financial storm. **Thank you** all for your ongoing efforts in recruiting students to our graduate programs!
2. Graduate Foundation Scholarship funds will be determined by the Winthrop Foundation soon and we will provide that information to program directors as soon as it arrives in the college. We don't have any reason at present to think that the funds will be decreased relative to last year.
3. This past fall, the Grad School asked grad programs to provide impact analyses of a possible reduction in GA funding for 2022-23. My thanks to our program directors for their thorough responses. These were very important in illustrating for the Board and Senior Leadership the vital nature of this resource. As a result, we were able to reduce a proposed loss of \$140 (about 10%) to about half of that (\$73.5K). Of the many GA positions across campus, 57% are in academic units; our directors' work helped move us from a potential loss of \$106,528 to \$55,887 in those units. Any reduction to student support is of course a serious matter. I intend to discuss with the provost how to prioritize this fund for restoration as our financial fortunes improve.
4. Graduate Education Week is coming soon! April 11-15.
  - a. Back by popular request is Graduate Regalia day, which will be on the **Monday, April 11**. In addition, we will invite all faculty and staff to represent their graduate alma maters with the appropriate sweatshirt, t-shirt, hat, or colors! Show your graduate pride!
  - b. The 3-Minute Graduate Showcase will be Friday, April 15. Please encourage your students to submit their work! The portal remains open through March 15 and is located here: [https://winthrop.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0ceZjr7avwyHccl](https://winthrop.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ceZjr7avwyHccl). General info about the 3MGS is here: <https://www.winthrop.edu/graduateschool/3-minute-graduate-showcase.aspx>

Finally, I am of course entirely in support of our proposed change to the probation policy. This is simply to clarify the policy, not to change it.